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**SAVE THE KUIAHA HOMESTEADERS.**

The Maui Chamber of Commerce, the Maui Board of Supervisors, and the Maui delegation to the legislature are unanimous in the matter of getting roads for the Kuiaha homestead district. The matter was again in the limelight this week, and received the serious attention of these several most representative bodies. Moreover Governor Pinkham and his administration are virtually pledged to this same proposition. Besides this a hundred or more Civic Convention and Ad Club delegates, who had a chance to see conditions in the homesteads a few months ago, stand ready, individually and collectively, to lend their support to some plan which will give the people in the Kuiaha district a chance to make good. They haven't that chance now.

With such wide understanding of the situation as this, Maui's delegation in the legislature should not find difficulty in getting an emergency appropriation by which at least \$50,000 would be appropriated and made available before the legislature adjourns. It won't do to bury this project in some general appropriation or road bill, of more or less indefinite and untested character. If the most promising homesteading proposition ever undertaken in the Territory is to be saved, it must have specific and prompt attention. Already there are signs of disintegration of this most promising community. The people out there are being literally starved out, and for almost no other reason than lack of roads.

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**WAKE UP! MAUI SPORTSMEN!**

The Maui Racing Association will hold its annual meeting next Tuesday evening. There shouldn't be any apathy among Maui people over this meeting; but as one its members admitted this week, the organization "badly needs a good stirring up." Maui can really not afford to neglect this association which came into existence almost thirty years ago, and which has a record that any community might well be proud of. During all that time its members have stood for clean sport, and to this, and this alone, is due the fact that the organization has been able to survive. Sport for sport's sake, and the love of fine animals, have been the motives that have won on more than one occasion when misguided efforts on the part of individuals would have let down the bars to questionable practices. No other place in the Territory has such a record, and but few places anywhere can boast a racing association with so long and honorable a career. Members of an organization like this shouldn't need stirring up.

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**THE HALEAKALA HIKERS.**

The importance to Maui of the Hume Ford tramping excursion through Haleakala crater should not be underestimated. It was really a remarkable performance and one that no one except a genius such as Ford could have carried through. To Maui it means that more than one hundred wide-awake people have seen Maui's greatest asset in a most impressive manner. If they suffered in the process, it has not hurt the Island. The kicks about the trip—and there were some strenuous kickers in that bunch—were all aimed at Ford, and he can stand it. Maui did not suffer. Like all geniuses Mr. Ford has his shortcomings, and in this instance they manifested themselves in lack of attention to details, with the result that a lot of needless discomfort followed. But the stunt will long stand as a top-notch, and Maui is the winner. All credit to Ford.

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**PINEAPPLES AND PROFITS.**

The conviction is growing that Hawaii really can grow more pineapples than the rest of the world can eat. If this is true there can be but one result—the Islands must slacken up on production until the demand catches up. If the prediction of a disinterested mainland jobber is of any value, it will mean that the growers are to have several more years of prices for their product that will not cover cost of production. Of course the farmer can't stand a great deal of this kind of thing. He must sooner or later go broke or learn to grow other crops that will show a balance on the right side of the ledger. Fortunately the prospect of being able to do this is brighter now than it has ever before been in Hawaii. The pineapple glut may after all be a blessing in disguise.

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**A WARNING TO BOOZE-FIGHTING CHAUFFEURS.**

If Honolulu had a district magistrate of the caliber of Judge McKay, the Oahu press would not be forced to chronicle almost daily the crimes and blunders of irresponsible and drunken auto drivers. Judge McKay uses plain common sense in his court, which is the kind of justice that the public will endorse. A fine of \$35 and the revocation of a license is not too severe a penalty for a public chauffeur, who gets drunk, even if he didn't happen to kill anybody.

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Let the legislature specifically outline a few of the duties popularly supposed to go with the office of Territorial auditor, and the proposed new "department of the Comptroller" will not be needed. What's the use of the Auditor's department anyhow if it doesn't audit? If it had been covering the field as everybody thought it was, up to the time the Hawaii county graft scandal broke, there probably never would have been any scandal to break.

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Hilo sportsmen are trying to work up steam enough to hold a race meet next Fourth of July. Better forget it and come to Maui on the Fourth. Maui has a recognized claim to this day. For thirty years horse-racing has been an annual Fourth of July event here, and Maui sportsmen are only too glad to welcome the cooperation of the rest of the Territory.

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A way for the promoters of the Waikiki beach amusement pier scheme to get around objection would be to build a subway instead of a pier. A well designed structure arising from the waves a mile off shore with no visible shore connection would beat the pier idea all hollow as a novelty, and shouldn't be objectionable from any viewpoint.

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